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SUBJECT: TANGSHAN RECONSTRUCTION

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1. JAPANESE ECONOMIC MINISTER ICHIKAWA TRAVELED THROUGH TANGSHAN BY RAIL IN DAYLIGHT THE LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER AND WAS ABLE TO GET A RELATIVELY GOOD VIEW OF THE CITY. HE SAID THAT THE CEMENT PLANT WAS IN PRODUCTION, COAL WAS BEING BROUGHT OUT OF MINES, ELECTRIC LINES WERE UP, TRANSPORTATION WAS RESTORED (INCLUDING THE ROAD BED OF THE PEKING-SHENYANG RAILROAD, WHICH WAS SMOOTH) AND THE TRAIN WAS ON TIME TO THE MINUTE, AND AGRICULTURE SEEMED NORMAL FOR A SLACK TIME OF THE YEAR. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO RESTORE THE TANGSHAN ROLLING STOCK PLANT, WHICH WAS STILL A RUIN, AND MOST OF THE POPULATION SEEMED TO BE IN TEMPORARY SHELTERS. ICHIKAWA, WHO HAD VISITED TANGSHAN BEFORE, WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE OBLITERATION OF HOUSING AREAS WHICH HAD CONSISTED OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS SEVERAL STORIES HIGH.

2. EDWARD T. CHAO OF USGS WAS GIVEN A GEOLOGICAL BRIEFING ON THE HAICHENG AND TANGSHAN EARTHQUAKES AT THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY IN EARLY JANUARY. THE BRIEFING GENERALLY CONFIRMED
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THE MATERIAL IN PEKING 2599. THE GEOLOGICAL SITUATION, HOWEVER, IS MORE COMPLEX THAN WE HAD EARLIER THOUGHT, SINCE THERE ARE THREE, NOT TWO, FAULTS CONVERGING ON THE TANGSHAN AREA.
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